

MR. HARRISON'S evident purpose in rushing Hawaii under the protection of the United States is to secure for himself any glory that may come of the annexation. In doing so, the president takes more than even chances of getting himself blamed, for there is good reason to believe that the time has not come for complete annexation, with the rights that will go with it. The queen's representatives, who are now in Washington, tell a story quite different from that of the commission sent over here by the provisional government. They say that the people are not ready for annexation; that only a few of the merchants and planters with a personal interest at stake have had a hand in overthrowing the queen. There was never any real doubt but that there were two sides to the Hawaiian story, but now it is confirmed that the island population is not unanimously clamoring to come under the stars and stripes with Uncle Sam. The preponderance of evidence is on the side of the agents of the new government, but still there is a vigorous opposition. Clippings from the *Honolulu Libera'*, published in THE TIMES recently, showed that there was some arbitrariness in the proceedings of the revolutionists. Of course it is plainly to be seen that Hawaii's affairs are now in such shape as to need our attention. The president would reflect credit on himself and his administration by advising a careful investigation of the conditions on the islands. To acquire absolute ownership and bear the expense of an overhauling will give him neither credit nor glory.

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